



**NEWSLETTER
THE PARISHES OF
OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG
ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG**

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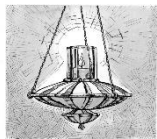
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Sunday 19th January 2020 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH TO 25 JANUARY 2020	Aberkenfig 9am	Ann Doyle <i>RIP</i> (ED) Thanksgiving (MM)
	Maesteg 11 am School Mass	Catherine & Peter Codd <i>RIP</i> (C&TJ) Tess Keane <i>RIP</i> (M&SK) Readers: Paul Donoghue & Maria Browne BP Maria Cahalane
	Maesteg 4.45pm	Bill Heath <i>RIP</i> (GBG) People of the Parishes Reader: Michael Lawler
Monday 20 th January 2020	NO MASS	
Tuesday 21 st January 2020	Aberkenfig 7 pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday 22 nd January 2020	Maesteg 10 am	Michael Butler <i>RIP</i> (MB) Reader: Tess White
Thursday 23 rd January 2020	Aberkenfig 10 am	Margaret Stehie (M&RD)
Friday 24 th January 2020	Maesteg 11.30 am	REQUIEM MASS Thomas (Tommy) Seldon <i>RIP</i>
Saturday 25 th January 2020	Maesteg 10 am	Mary Paget <i>RIP</i> (CT) Reader: Maria Cahalane
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th January 2020 Our Lady & St Patrick Parish <i>Blessed Sacrament Lamp:</i> <i>Special Intention</i> Our Blessed Lady's Lamp: <i>Sick of the Parish</i>	Aberkenfig 9 am	Sean Casey <i>RIP</i> Thelma Leyshon <i>RIP</i>
	Maesteg 11 am	Jim & Winnie Connolly <i>RIP</i> (SG) Adrian Scourfield <i>RIP</i> (Sf) Readers: Maria Cahalane & Bernard Rawlings BP Eirlys Furlong
	Maesteg 4.45 pm	Winifred Cleary <i>RIP</i> (MMcD) People of the Parishes Readers: Michelle Bumford BP Grandchildren



REQUIESCANT IN PACE:

Please pray for Mrs Elizabeth Bolger who has recently died and her family at this sad time. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 7th February 2020 at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon. Let us also remember our deceased brothers and sisters who have gone before us on our pilgrimage of faith, especially those who have died recently and those with Anniversaries at this time.

NOTICES

BIBLE SUNDAY: In his Apostolic Letter entitled *Aperuit illis* published in September 2019, Pope Francis established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". In this regard, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting us to bring our Bibles to Mass to be blessed on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the weekend of January 25th and 26th.

FAITH & BIBLE SHARING: There will be Faith and Bible Sharing every Thursday at 6pm at The Presbytery Hall. Tea & Coffee would be served. All interested persons are welcome.

RCIA: People seeking to be received into communion with the Catholic Church are invited every Thursday to the Bible and Faith sharing at 6pm in the Presbytery Hall.

2020 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Monday 7th – Friday 11th September 2020. Full Board Cost Approx. £550 - £600, Please contact the notice board or Deacons Robert Coyne/Anthony Martin of Our Lady Star of the Sea

WELSH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2020: Tuesday 22nd – 29th September 2020. Return flight from Bristol, Hotel Grace, 23kg Luggage Allowance, Breakfast and Dinner, Local Guide, Full Religious Programme & 100% Financial Protection at £569. Full details on Parish Notice Board. Interested persons should Please contact Jen Smith of Maesteg on **07866228930/01639896828** and Anne Raynolds of Aberkenfig on **07845477960**.

PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICK MAESTEG

PARISH GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 6pm at the Presbytery Hall to evaluate last Year's Programme and to discuss A Program for the Year 2020. All interested Parishioners are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION: Every Thursday at 4pm at the Presbytery Hall. Let us continue to pray for the children and their families.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 12th JANUARY 2020: Gift Aid £336.50, Planned/Loose £192.24, Maintenance £131.90, White Box maintenance donations £29.30, Crib Offering for Catholic Children's Society £192.72.

FUNDRAISING: Our sincere thanks go to the Fundraising Team, volunteers and to Parishioners and Friends of the Parish for the following: **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE = £905.00; 300 PLUS CLUB = £1000.00** and an additional **£113.00 from the RED BRICK INITIATIVE**. Total of **£2,018.00** presented to Parish Fund. God Love you all for your generosity and support.

300 PLUS CLUB 2020: Membership cards will be available Sunday, 26th January. The team will be at each Mass to take fees. £12 per annum, can be paid quarterly, half yearly or in full. We have lost a number of our faithful Parishioners (*RIP*) last year. Thanks to all members for their continued support. **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER. ENCOURAGE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN.**

CAN YOU HELP? Mrs Veronica Brennan has knitted during the past year hats, scarfs, blankets, for Charities who support children in need. **HAVE YOU BALLS OF WOOL NOT USED, ESPECIALLY DOUBLE KNIT OR ARAN.** If so, very grateful; box will be available at the back of Church for any donations. **THANK YOU.**

PARISH OF ST ROBERT ABERKENFIG

PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2020 IN THE SACRISTY AFTER 6.30 PM MASS.

COLLECTIONS: 12th January 2020 Gift Aid £350.00, Loose £89.55, Crib Offerings £64.69.

FOODBANK: donations of cereals, small tea & coffee, rice, pasta, soup, tin veg, corned beef, tuna, tooth paste & toiletries would be appreciated.

A.D.U.C. SONGS OF PRAISE Friday 24th January 6.30p.m. in Smyrna Chapel, Penyfai. All welcome.